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SCANDINAVIAN HOLIDAY

Adventures on a 1000-mile cycle ride

How would you like to spend nine weeks cycling through Denmark, Sweden, and Norway, buying and cooking your own food and sleeping each night in a tent? That is what two London girls, Mary Elsy and her friend Agnes, decided to do this summer. Their camping equipment, bedding, and clothes were packed into panniers and balanced across their carriers. Tent poles were tied to the sides of both machines and a basket fixed on the front for carrying food.

WE started our journey from the Danish North Sea port of Esbjerg, cycling across Jutland by way of Horsens to Odense, and then to Copenhagen, and up the coast to Helsingor. The Danish roads were smooth and flat, and the houses not much different to those in England, except that they were cleaner and more brightly painted. We passed through towns called Give, Eg, and Them, though, of course, they were pronounced rather differently.

Although we found cycling fairly easy in Denmark, we often had difficulty in finding a camp site, as most of the land was cultivated or used for grazing. Some of the farmhouses were hard to distinguish from private ones, and sometimes, after struggling to ask in Danish for a place to camp, at what we thought was a farm, we

part of the town, and saw the one small bare room where he had lived with his mother and father.

After Denmark, we took the ferry-boat across the Sound from Helsingor, the town of Hamlet's castle, to Sweden, where we intended riding up the west coast to Norway. Although Sweden had the keep-to-the-left rule, we found cycling difficult as the roads were rough. However, it was a camper's paradise. The country being wilder and often less cultivated, there were sites to be found everywhere along the roadway, where you could pitch your tent for a few shillings a night. Drinking water, too, was laid on, although we were always careful to boil all that we used.

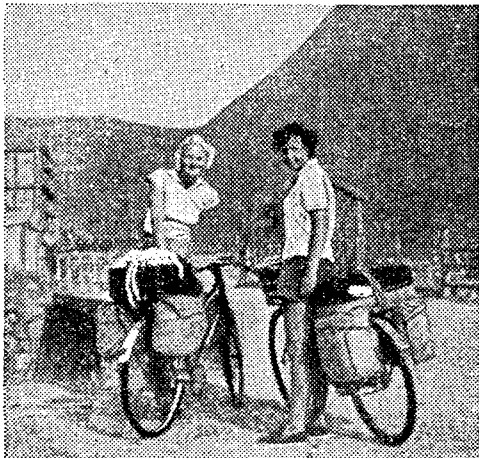
We had been given the names and addresses of various people we might call on; and at the Poste

Restante at Gothenburg, we collected a letter from some Swedish people who lived on an island off the west coast. Most of the large towns in Europe have a Poste Restante department at their post offices where they will keep letters for foreign visitors. If you let your friends know when you are likely to be in a certain place, they can send letters to you there.

From here we cycled northwards, across the frontier into Norway and on to Oslo. Here we camped in a park on the outskirts of the city. We visited the Kon Tiki raft, the Fram, famous exploring ship, used both by Nansen and Amundsen for their polar expeditions, and the Viking ships in which the old Norsemen used to bury their kings and queens with all their possessions, sometimes even their horses.

Camping was easy in mountainous Norway and there was plenty of spare land on which to pitch a tent. But we found cycling difficult, especially when we set off to cross the Telemark mountains between Oslo and Bergen. The

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In the Telemark mountains of Norway

found ourselves parked on somebody's back lawn.

Besides camping and cycling, we also managed to visit a number of exhibitions and places of interest. At Odense (pronounced Oh-den-zer), we went to Hans Andersen's museum, where parties of Danish schoolchildren were being escorted round the rooms. Beneath a glass case were his top hat, trunks, and umbrella, and a coil of rope, which he always took about with him in case of fire. Pictures of his stories were round the walls and some of his own illustrations of his travels. We also visited the cottage where he spent his childhood, in another



ONE-ARMED BUILDER

A New Zealander who lost his right arm is building his own bungalow.

He can fit various tools to his artificial arm and in this way he manages to saw and plane wood, to lay bricks and concrete, and to do welding. He lifts timber with his good hand and uses a hammer with his artificial arm to drive in the fastenings. He expects to finish his bungalow by Christmas.

DOWN THE CHIMNEY

The South African Minister of Health arrived in his office the other morning and found it littered with soot and papers where a pigeon, having come down the chimney during the weekend, had been trying to escape ever since.

The intruder was captured, dusted, and released. Then they had to clean up the office.

With the Guards to Canada

For Drum Major Alfred Moon, centre, the visit to Canada of the Scots Guards band will be a journey home, for he comes from Vankleer Hill, Ontario.

AMERICAN SCOUTS RUN OWN NEWSPAPER

For the past two years, members of a Scout Troop in Beltsville, Maryland, have been producing a weekly newspaper called the Beltsville News. The editorial office and printing plant are in the cellar at the home of the editor, Paul Wester.

Every Thursday evening six of these American scouts, whose ages range between 14 and 18, meet to plan Saturday's edition. That evening, and the next day, they are busy editing, typing and proof-reading, setting up headlines, and running off the pages on a duplicating machine.

On Saturday, the paper is on sale at the price of one dollar

(about six shillings and ninepence) for a year's subscription. The 375 subscribers look forward to the 12-page paper with its exclusive news of local community events and Boy Scout and Girl Guide activities. All profits go towards Scout Funds.

GIANT CONCRETE-MIXER

A giant concrete-mixer more than five storeys high is being made in Los Angeles. It will produce enough concrete in one hour to pave a strip of roadway 500 feet long and 12 feet wide.

This giant is operated by only one man and can be dismantled and transported on three lorries.

TROUBLED ISLAND

The problem of Cyprus

THIS once smiling but now frowning island in the Eastern Mediterranean presents a problem which has been frequently before recent Cabinets; and a dramatic attempt to settle it has been made by the appointment of Field-Marshal Sir John Harding as Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

His choice emphasises the military nature of the Cyprus situation, underlines the fact that this troubled island is an essential link between the North Atlantic and Middle East defence systems. For until this appointment Sir John was Britain's No. 1 soldier as Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Let us examine this problem. Cyprus has so much in its favour—a sunny climate, a thriving agriculture, some mineral wealth, a number of secondary industries. Some 500,000 people live in the old towns or among the vineyards and olive groves. Under British rule health services have been so improved that the Cypriot death rate is very low indeed.

Yet this island is one of the unhappiest in the world. And for the cause we have to know geography, history—and politics. The geographical factors are that Cyprus lies more than 600 miles from Greece, 240 miles from the approaches to the Suez Canal, and only 40 miles from Turkey.

In 1878 the Sultan of Turkey "assigned the island of Cyprus to be occupied and administered by England." The island was formally annexed to Britain after the outbreak of war in 1914, when Turkey became an enemy country. In 1925 it became a Crown Colony.

NEW CONSTITUTION

It was afterwards administered on British Parliamentary lines. At the top was the Governor, representing the Sovereign. He was assisted by a Cabinet called the Executive, and the laws were passed by a Parliament called the Legislative Council.

But in 1931 there were riots. From then until after the last World War the powers of the Legislative Council were withheld from it, though the Executive remained.

Since then the problem has been to restore those powers and to give Cyprus a new constitution. It is at this point that we must examine the make-up of the Cypriot population.

Eighty-one per cent are Greek

Orthodox, many of them supporting Enosis, or union with Greece, the country to which Cyprus once belonged. Most of the rest—a comparatively small proportion of the population—are Moslem Turks.

The religious leaders of these two communities are also their national leaders. Trouble arises because the Greek Cypriot majority seeks self-government of Cyprus in union with Greece, while the Turkish Cypriots fear oppression if the guiding hand of Britain is withdrawn.

VITAL BASE

To Britain, committed so heavily to the defence of the Western world, the possession of bases in Cyprus is vital, especially since her withdrawal from the Suez Canal base.

Apart from NATO, she is committed by the Turco-Iraqi pact, the Anglo-Iraqi agreement, the Anglo-Jordanian alliance, and by a famous Declaration of 1950 to preserve peace in the Middle East. The stability of Cyprus as a base is also vital to the Balkan Alliance.

Offers of a revised constitution have been open to Cyprus since 1948. At a London conference some weeks ago the Foreign Ministers of Turkey, Greece, and Britain discussed the problem.

While firm measures are to be taken to quell disturbances in Cyprus, the British Government are negotiating a plan to give Cyprus a much more liberal constitution.

This is designed to help Cypriots to have more say in their affairs, to assure the Turkish minority of fair treatment, root out Communist influences, and to maintain Cyprus as a vital British link in Western defence.

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roads were stony and rough, and full of holes, and the friction caused by constant jolting—we sometimes felt as if we were riding horses—often made our tyres and brakes too hot to touch. Also, the roads, trees, and bushes were covered in dust so that each time a car or lorry passed us, we were smothered in white.

But the scenery was magnificent. Sometimes we rode beside barren mountains, where only moss and hardy trees could grow, and sometimes we rode beside snow-covered fields and glacier lakes. Tremendous waterfalls rushed down from the peaks,

deafening us with their roar. In these bleak parts we saw few animals or houses other than goats and primitive farms. The big distances between shops and the fact that we had only limited space for carrying food, often made catering difficult. Sometimes we were not only dirty and tired, but very hungry, too. But the food was good when we got it.

Still, on looking back, it was a wonderful trip, and it was with much regret that we finally said goodbye to Norway at Bergen. Cycle camping is an ideally cheap way of seeing the world, and one that we would recommend to anyone young and energetic.

Tribute to a printer

Plantin is the name of a printing type and it came from Christophe Plantin (1514-1589), an early printer in the Low Countries whose first recorded work appeared in 1555, just 400 years ago. To mark the occasion, the British Museum has a special display of his type.

This includes a little tract setting out the way in which a girl of noble birth should be educated. Plantin made such progress in his business that within ten years there were ten presses in his shop at Antwerp, and later on there were 22.

He printed the so-called Polyglot (many language) Bible which was finished in 1572. A copy of this is to be seen at the British Museum exhibition. There is also a book of maps, dated 1579, which is usually considered to be the earliest complete world atlas in existence.

Smart calf



Robert, a young Dexter calf at Chessington Zoo, likes to look neat and tidy, and one of the Zoo's hostesses gives him a brush down.

FOR A FRIEND OVERSEAS

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RUSSIA'S NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN

The next Russian five-year plan, up to the year 1960, aims to increase coal production to 500 million tons annually, steel to 60 million tons, and pig iron to 50 million tons per year. A recent report shows that the biggest production increase has been in washing machines.

News from Everywhere

SPEED RECORDS

A new world speed record for motor-cycles is claimed by John Allen, an American. Riding a British Triumph at Bonneville Salt Flats, Idaho, he achieved an average of 193.72 m.p.h. in two runs. Another world speed record broken recently was that for model aircraft. Mr. Ray Gibbs, 21, of Ilford, Essex, flew his craft at 146 m.p.h.

To train his dog teams for the forthcoming Antarctic expedition, Sir Edmund Hillary plans to take them across the New Zealand Alps.

Buses without conductors are being run in Sheffield. Fares are put in slot machines, and volunteers among the passengers open and shut doors and give signals to the drivers.

In order that schoolchildren may have free milk every day Malta has purchased 500 Friesian cows from Britain.

Mr. Thomas Robertson of Uddingston, Lanarkshire, has held a railway season ticket for 75 years. He bought his first season ticket in March 1881, at the age of 14, to attend school in Glasgow.

The discovery has been reported of a colony of huia in New Zealand—birds which naturalists had thought were extinct. The tail feathers of the huia were highly prized by Maori chiefs as badges of rank.

A 3½-mile railway tunnel is being built near Pietermaritzburg, Natal. Costing £3,000,000, the tunnel is expected to be completed in four years.

Choirboy's orchestra



At Sudbury, Middlesex, a small orchestra has been formed by Adrian Winterton, a 16-year-old choirboy, from the members of his own church. He himself plays the violin and is seen with the conductor and the youngest player, not yet ten.

Dr. Roger Bannister is to be a BBC television commentator and interviewer when his medical duties permit.

Granted £45,000 by the King George VI Foundation, the National Association of Mixed Clubs is to use the money to train youth club leaders.

POST EARLY

Christmas parcels by surface mail to Australia must be posted by October 22, and for New Zealand by October 19.

A four-lb. prehistoric mammoth's tooth was found in a fisherman's net at Southwold, Suffolk.

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CN Picture-News and Time Map

CANADA
CARIBOU feeding grounds in the far north are now becoming frozen over, and herds are moving southwards across Canada in search of new pastures.

U.S.A.
A TUNNEL is to be cut through Mont Blanc. It will be nearly seven miles long and will link France and Italy by road under the Alps as well as over them.

FRANCE
MONT BLANC

EUROPE
ITALY

AFRICA
KARIBA Gorge
R. Zambesi

ASIA
TOMATOES have been successfully grown on an experimental farm 12,000 feet up in the mountains near the Tibetan capital of Lhasa.

INDIA
CEYLON

ADAM'S BRIDGE
Adam's Bridge is a chain of sandbanks between India and Ceylon. If a channel could be cut through them it would save Indian coastal ships a detour of 300 miles round the coast of Ceylon. A plan for doing this is now being studied.

NEW ZEALAND
NEW ZEALAND'S FORESTS have suffered much by felling and kauri trees, which provide some of the finest softwoods in the world, have been in danger of extinction. The New Zealand Government now controls the felling, and 20,000 acres of the Waipoua Forest, containing some of the finest kauri trees, has been declared a sanctuary.

AUSTRALIA
WAIPOUA Forest

SOUTH AMERICA
R. Negro, Manaoas
R. Amazon

PACIFIC OCEAN
OIL HAS BEEN FOUND in the Amazon Valley. After months of working in swamp and jungle prospectors tapped a great oilfield, 9000 feet deep, about 100 miles south-east of Manaoas, an inland port at the junction of the Amazon and Negro Rivers.

ATLANTIC OCEAN
A SUSPENSION FOOTBRIDGE of steel, 690 feet long, is to be built over the River Zambesi at Kariba Gorge. At present the river can be crossed there only by pontoon, a dangerous method in the strong current.

SIBERIA
FISHERMEN are busy catching sturgeon in many Siberian rivers before the winter comes. The fish are hung out to dry to provide food during the winter.

EXPLORING UNDER THE RED SEA

Coral has been studied mostly only on the surface. Now it is to be examined fathoms deep by an international expedition to the Red Sea this autumn, led by the marine biologist, Dr. Hans Hass.

For a whole year scientists will work on the effects of currents, sea temperature, and the salt content of the water. Their research will be carried out from the sailing yacht *Xarifa*, and they will make deep-sea films with the aid of 5000-watt searchlights. They will also study the behaviour of tropical fish, and make a kind of atlas of both the fish and coral.

Amateurs have been invited to take part, at a charge of about £500 each, in this scientific work which has been organised by the International Institute for Submarine Research, whose headquarters are in Liechtenstein.

OFF DUTY FOR PUBLIC WORK

For 30 years two Sheffield railway guards have worked alternate turns of duty; one came off duty at five a.m., the other at one p.m.

This arrangement was allowed by their workmates so that the two men could carry out public work, with every afternoon free.

The two men are Alderman J. F. Williams and Alderman J. Curtis, now Lord Mayor of Sheffield.

Nearly the whole of Alderman Williams's 55 years' working life has been spent on the railway. The Lord Mayor of Sheffield has been a guard for 37 years.

MECHANICAL MINER

A mechanical miner "walked" off a cargo ship at Greenock recently. It was one of five ordered from America by the National Coal Board for use in British mines.

Specially designed for work in seams less than three feet six inches high, they can cut two tons of coal a minute. They move on a huge steel shoe.

Mexican hat trick



Three Chihuahuas bred by Mrs. Forster of Richmond, Surrey, can easily sit in the brim of a Mexican straw hat.

THANKS TO SNIPS

Snips is a white-haired terrier belonging to Mr. Henry Tyler of Lincoln. And thanks to him, 450 old-age pensioners in the city had a free cinema show the other afternoon followed by a dinner.

He is a collecting dog and has a number of medals on his collar for his work. After the east coast floods Snips raised over £1000 in 18 days for the relief fund.

AUSTRALIA'S FIRST WOMAN FLYING DOCTOR

Dr. Margery McKinnon, Australia's first woman flying doctor, has taken up her work at Charleville, south-west Queensland, in some of the loneliest country in the British Commonwealth.

A great deal of Dr. McKinnon's work will be on the pedal radio giving medical advice to outlying settlers, but she will also be called on to do a considerable amount of flying.

Dr. McKinnon was previously medical superintendent at Norfolk Island. Her residence at the hospital was an old sandstone house built by the early descendants of the mutineers from H.M.S. *Bounty* when they migrated from Pitcairn Island more than a century ago.

THRILLS AND FUN GALORE

Camels seem to be rather sad animals, but not Kawa, the white racing camel in The Champion Annual for Boys 1956; he has the hump in the physical sense only. Kawa is one of many original, gallant, and merry characters in this new Annual, which will delight every lad who loves fun and adventure.

Thrills and laughter are provided in plenty, too, in The Lion Annual 1956. In addition to many exciting yarns, it contains absorbing picture features like Wonders of Outer Space.

At 7s. each, these two jolly Annuals should have a place on every Christmas present list.

BEDSPREAD SOLD FOR £50

A yellow lace-and-satin bedspread was sold for £50 at an auction the other day. It once adorned the bed in which Queen Victoria slept during a visit to Penrhyn Castle, near Bangor, in Caernarvonshire.

This castle passed to the National Trust following the death of the fourth Baron Penrhyn in 1949, and the sale was held there to dispose of surplus effects.

Among other items sold were a Victorian pin-cushion (which fetched £3) and a quilt, embroidered with a design of Caernarvon Castle, which was sold to the Welsh Folk Museum at Cardiff for £9.

COLUMBUS DAY

To celebrate the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus in 1492, many American States make October 12 a general holiday. It is a great festive occasion with flags decorating homes and public buildings.

For the children it is a very special day. Pageants and pantomimes depicting scenes from the life of the great discoverer are performed in schools. At public contests children compete for prizes offered for the best recitations and essays on Columbus and the discovery of America.

But the greatest fun of all is to be found in the parties at home, where boys and girls dress up as Indians and sailors of the 15th century and indulge in exciting mock battles.

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IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

War with the Boers

OCTOBER 11, 1899. LONDON—Britain is today at war with the South African Republics of Transvaal and the Orange Free State.

President Kruger, 74-year-old leader of the Transvaal, is appealing to European powers to aid the Boers in their fight for independence.

Taking advantage of their initiative the Boers have already flung an army of 23,000 men into an invasion of Natal. They are understood to be planning an

invasion of Cape Colony and thus securing the support of the Dutch people of the Cape.

Meanwhile, here in Britain the largest army that Britain has ever sent abroad is being mobilised and will leave for South Africa in three days' time.

This army of 70,000 men will be under the command of 59-year-old General Sir Redvers Buller, who in 1879 won the V.C. for bravery in the Zulu wars and was chief-of-staff in the relief of Khartoum four years ago.

Prison reformer dies

OCTOBER 12, 1845. RAMSGATE—Mrs. Elizabeth Fry died here today at the age of 65.

Mrs. Fry has devoted 50 years of her life to the relief of suffering and distress, for she was only 15 when she persuaded her Quaker parents to allow her to visit the house of correction at Norwich.

In 1813 she began the work of prison reform for which she became world famous. The conditions in prisons—especially in women's prisons—were appalling, and it was due to Elizabeth Fry's persistent efforts that this state of

affairs was brought to public notice.

Her influence extended far beyond Britain. Her advice was sought in Russia, France, and Prussia.

Her charm was such that she could move amid all people, from royalty to convicted felons. She could entertain the King of Prussia to dinner or take tea with a poor shoemaker with equal grace and kindness.

Mrs. Fry was a daughter of Mr. John Gurney, a Norwich banker and Quaker, and married Mr. Joseph Fry at the age of 20.

Knights Templars arrested

OCTOBER 13, 1307. PARIS—The Grand Master of the Templars and 139 Knights were arrested in their own Palace of the Temple here today by order of King Philip.

The king himself has taken up residence in the Temple and seized the Templars' treasure.

The Knights Templars, a "foreign legion" recruited from every nation, have devoted themselves for 194 years to policing the roads to the Holy Land and

protecting pilgrims to the Holy City from the attacks.

They have grown into a wealthy company of brave and fearless men, famous for their outspoken attacks on popes and sovereigns, and for the wealth they have accumulated.

King Philip recently accused the Grand Master of heresy and infamous conduct. These accusations were upheld, giving the king power to arrest the Grand Master and all his Knights.

ROSES FOR THE QUEEN

The Queen shares a love of roses with most of us and this autumn a crown-shaped bed of Queen Elizabeth and Peace roses is to be prepared near one of her favourite corners in the gardens of Buckingham Palace. The plants are a gift which her Majesty has accepted from the National Rose Society.

The "Queen Elizabeth" is an American rose; "Peace" was produced in France.

Here I am



R.A.F. pilots forced down in the sea now have a radio-location device fitted in their dinghies to give their position to rescuers.

BOOTS FOR THE COBBLERS

Northampton Town Football Club, known everywhere as "the Cobblers," are enjoying one of their most successful seasons for many years. And if they do not keep up the good work it will not be the fault of Mr. K. J. Dear, head of one of Northampton's boot and shoe firms.

Mr. Dear is presenting the club with a set of new-style Soccer boots on the lines of those used by Continental teams. They are padded to prevent shock, have specially shaped toecaps to aid kicking and ball control, and are 30 per cent lighter than normal football boots.

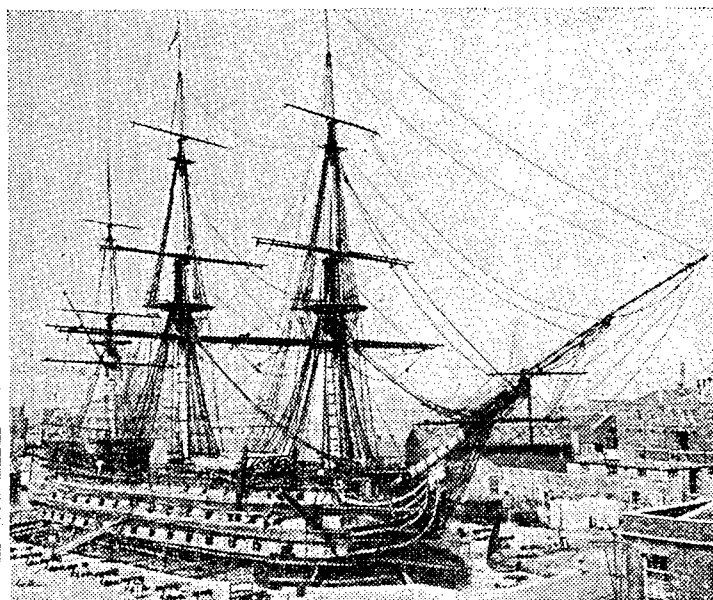
The club's supporters, having heard that "the Cobblers" are to adopt the Continental style of play, are glad to know that the team is to have boots to match!

MONEY WELL SPENT

Japan spent nearly one-twentieth of her national income on education in 1953. This was the highest in 55 countries included in a new survey of education finance made by the International Bureau of Education. Britain spent nearly three per cent of national income on education.

RADIO AND TV

150 YEARS SINCE NELSON'S VICTORY AT TRAFALGAR



H.M.S. Victory at Portsmouth Dockyard

TRAFALGAR DAY next week will be no ordinary anniversary. On October 21 it will be 150 years since Nelson won perhaps the most decisive naval battle of all time, and the day will be celebrated both in sound radio and television.

Home Service listeners will hear the annual Nelson ceremony in Trafalgar Square.

At night, BBC cameras and microphones will be installed in the famous Painted Hall at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, for the Trafalgar Banquet attended by the Queen. She will reply to the Loyal Toast by the First Lord of the Admiralty, the Rt. Hon. J. P. L. Thomas, M.P.,

and afterwards the Toast of the Immortal Memory of Lord Nelson will be proposed by Admiral Earl Mountbatten.

Before the Banquet Home Service listeners will be taken on a tour of Nelson's flagship Victory in Portsmouth dockyard, with Alun Williams and David Lloyd James as guides.

BBC Children's Television will mark Trafalgar Day with a play called *The Nelson Touch*.

It is most fitting, too, that this day should be set aside for the unveiling of the new statue of the late King George VI. Morning viewers and listeners will be taken to Carlton Gardens, London, where the Queen will perform the unveiling ceremony.

Red squirrel at home

THIS Wednesday at eight o'clock BBC Television is presenting some remarkable films of the lovable red squirrel at home. They were taken by Heinz Sielmann, who, as Peter Scott's guest earlier this year, showed viewers amazing pictures of baby woodpeckers inside tree trunks. Herr Sielmann uses infra-red light for these shots in the dark.

CONCERTS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

The Ernest Read Orchestral Concerts for Children this winter at the Royal Festival Hall will have four well-known orchestras taking part. The series also includes two Christmas Concerts, in the morning and afternoon, on December 3 with the London Senior Orchestra and a Schools Choir of 400 boys and girls.

There is also the London Senior Orchestra's Christmas Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, with Ernest Read conducting and a special choir of 500.

Many music lovers have already made bookings for the 30th Birthday Concert of the London Junior and Senior Orchestras at the Royal Festival Hall on May 31 next year.

Improve your French

NICKY EDMETT and Pat Morton, both 14, were just old enough under Home Office regulations to cross the Channel recently as professional actors to be filmed for Bobby in France. This new fortnightly BBC Children's TV serial, which started last week, gives young viewers a wonderful chance to pick up conversational French. As Bobby and Tess, the two youthful actors are supposed to be staying with friends in Paris. The story is by Emile Harven and M. J. Macdonald, authors of *En Voyage* in the Home Service. You can follow the children's adventures again next Wednesday (October 19).

Impunity Jane

WHO ever heard of a doll refusing to live in a doll's house? Yet that is one of the odd things about Impunity Jane, the chief character in a story of that name to be read by "David" in Children's Hour on Thursday (October 13). It was written by Rumer Godden, author of that famous novel *Black Narcissus*.

For older children on Saturday (October 15) careers in the grocery and provision trades will be dealt with in *I Want To Be*.

The cotton story

MEMORIES of Samuel Crompton, whose Mule spinning machine revolutionised the Lancashire cotton industry nearly 200 years ago, will be conjured up in BBC Television on Sunday evening (October 16). In *The Makepeace Saga*, the first of four TV plays by Frank Tilsley and his son Vincent, the story of cotton will be told with the help of pictures from Hall i' th' Wood. Crompton lived in this 15th-century timbered house near Bolton. It is now a folk museum.

At Tea-V-Time

ROBERT MACDERMOT makes his second appearance in *Tea-V-Time* on the commercial wave-length this Thursday (October 13) as quiz-master in *Full Marks*. A number of children will be in the studio for a programme of puzzles and competitions, and they will receive their prizes on the spot. Hopalong Cassidy the same evening will have William Boyd in a 30-minute film, *Dangerous Venture*.

In Friday's *Tea-V-Time* Stuart Gelder will be bringing more animals to the studio for *Know Your Pet Club*. Colonel Clock returns for more motor car adventures, and viewers will also meet Mick and Montmorency—the Jobstoppers—as well as Michael Bryant as Robin in *The Little Round House*, about life inside a pillar-box.

Speed, Spring, Skill, Strength, Stamina

ROGER BANNISTER, first man to run a mile in under four minutes, is an ideal choice for introducing *A Challenge to Fitness* in BBC Television next Saturday afternoon (October 15).



Roger Bannister

In a display by members of the National Association of Boys' Clubs, viewers will be shown how each boy is judged by the five S's—Speed, Spring, Skill, Strength, and Stamina. Points are awarded under these heads by Captain Cole, N.A.B.C. Physical Recreation Adviser, with the idea of encouraging each boy to make the most of his particular talents without trying for spectacular muscular development.

ERNEST THOMSON

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HIGHLIGHTS OF A GREAT ATHLETICS SEASON

By Jack Crump, Britain's International Team Manager

WHATEVER may be true of other sections of sport, it cannot be said that in athletics Britain is conservative in its ideas. There have been sweeping changes of method and of outlook, in recent years, for Britain has been prepared to learn from other countries.

Thus, instead of permitting the track and field season to die away during the last few days of August, as was the custom only a few years ago, the season has now been extended until the middle of October; and the number of competitions in which our leading athletes take part may sometimes startle pre-war competitors; it used to be thought that athletes could race in only one or two really important contests each year.

If British athletes are to keep pace with those of other countries, intensive international competition is essential; and with next year's Olympics in mind entailing as much first-class competition as possible, an unparalleled programme has been undertaken during the past summer, with excellent results.

We can look back on this year's international matches with satisfaction. Our team of men have met five of Europe's leading athletics nations, and though they lost to the powerful Hungarian team in London and to the super athletes of Russia in Moscow, they did defeat Germany, Czechoslovakia, and France.

SURPRISE OF THE YEAR

Britain's magnificent women athletes have a still better record, for only U.S.S.R. has beaten our national team in a full-scale international match.

All these matches produced thrills, and none more than the contest in Prague, where a travel-weary British team with several athletes suffering from injury brought off the athletics surprise of the year by winning the men's match.

Four races were especially memorable, but in particular the thrilling tussle of Gordon Pirie and Ken Norris with athletics' number one sportsman and gentleman, Emil Zatopek. The chanting of over 30,000 people of ZAT-O-PEK in continuous unison, and the magnificent effort this distinguished runner made to catch the British pair, with Pirie just

keeping ahead and Norris and Zatopek finishing almost together, was something unforgettable.

The British team's first visit to Moscow will of course remain a great occasion in our memories of a wonderful season. Against athletes which only the full might of the United States could hope to challenge with success, we were beaten thoroughly and deservedly. Yet in the fine hurdling of Jack Parker, the confident pace-following tactic of Chris Chataway, the impressive last-lap speed of Brian Hewson, and the brilliant steeplechasing not only of John Disley but also of Chris Brasher, we had successes to cheer in the men's events.

HISTORIC MILE RACE

Thelma Hopkins' high jumping, supported by that of the remarkable veteran women's athlete, Dorothy Tyler, and the great sprinting of Jean Scrivens brought added distinction to Britain. Diane Leather was another who added to her reputation, and it was fitting that on her return to England a few days later she should break her own unofficial one-mile world record.

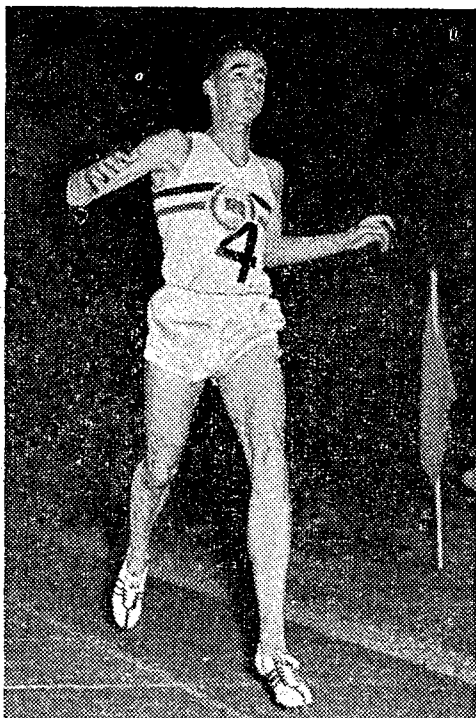
In looking back over such a crowded season, we must not forget that historic one-mile race last Whitsun in which three runners, Laszlo Tabori of Hungary, and Chris Chataway and Brian Hewson of Britain, all ran the distance in under four minutes. Nor can we forget the two-mile world record race of Sandor Iharos of Hungary in which our own Ken Wood also beat the world figures.

We can recall the three-mile record achieved by Chris Chataway in the match against Germany, and we can note with every feeling of satisfaction the fine quarter-miling of Michael Wheeler, the splendid quarter-mile hurdling of both Bob Shaw and Harry Kane, the rise to world class of steeple-chaser Eric Shirley.

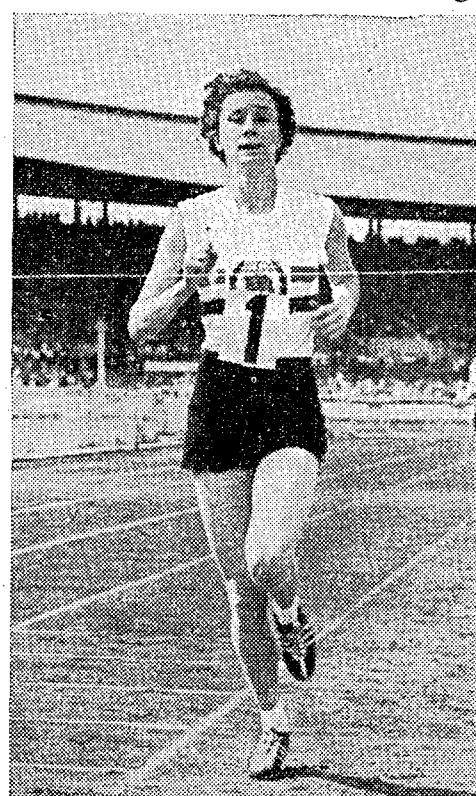
It has truly been a great athletics season, and our brightest stars are still quite young. All this suggests that next year could be an even greater one for British athletes, culminating in the Olympic Games at Melbourne.



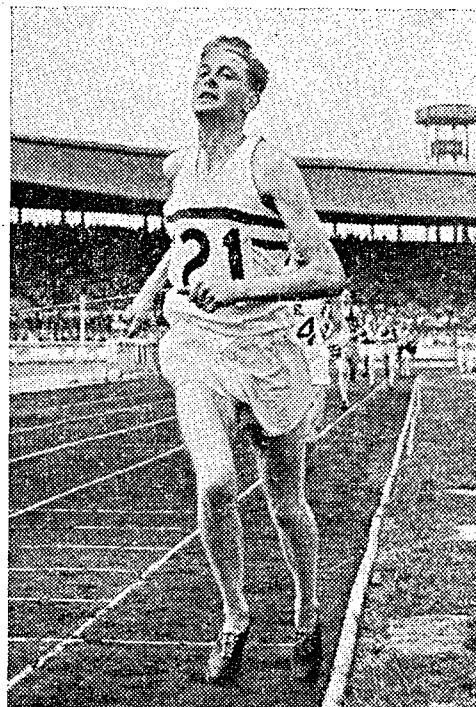
Chris Chataway, world three-mile record-holder



Gordon Pirie, the great long-distance runner



Diane Leather, champion woman miler



Brian Hewson, the great middle-distance runner



Jack Parker, promising young hurdler



John Disley, Britain's steeplechase champion



Thelma Hopkins, high-jump champion

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QUIET, PLEASE!

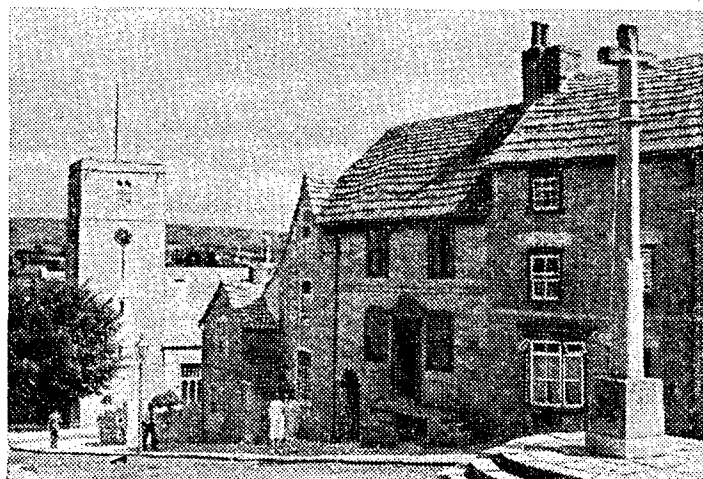
WE all honour the engineer, but it is worth remembering that "engine" and "ingenious" both come from the same parent word. Unfortunately, so many of the engineer's inventions produce noise and, so far, comparatively little ingenuity has been used to lessen a nuisance which grows worse every year all over the world.

Wherever we go in city, suburb, and countryside, jet planes whine and howl their way above us, able to break the sound barrier and glass-house roofs at the same time. In our streets one man at work with a pneumatic chisel can torture the ears of hundreds of other people trying to work.

The men who have made the internal combustion engine work so efficiently and quietly seem unable to invent a car door which will close without a terrific bang. As for motor-cycles—not to mention sports cars—the noisier they are the better their riders seem to like them.

Strangely enough, the latest offender is the bicycle, once the quietest means of transport ever invented. But now it is often motor-assisted and, for its size, has become probably the noisiest vehicle ever produced.

This is an age of increasing noise. What we need is an engineering expert on quiet—and may we find him soon.



OUR HOMELAND

The Editor's Table

HAPPY TO LEARN

THE fact that very young children can learn best through play was stressed recently by Professor A. C. T. Curle of the University College at Exeter. He declared that the understanding of this principle was the greatest educational step forward during the past few decades.

"The youngsters learn to co-operate with their fellows," he said, "to work with them instead of against them. You cannot get children to sit at a desk and concentrate. That, unfortunately, comes to them at a later stage . . ."

All who have had experience of teaching small children will agree with the professor's suggested slogan for modern times: "Education through happiness."

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper,
October 17, 1925

ALL the world remembers the suspense with which we waited when Captain Amundsen, who had set out for the Pole, was overdue and not heard of. Then, after a time of waiting, we rejoiced to hear of his safe return.

A thrilling story it was in cold print, but how different it sounded when Captain Amundsen told the story at the Central Hall in Westminster. By his side was Captain E. R. G. Evans, who was with Scott, and who picked up Sir Edgeworth David and Sir Douglas Mawson when death was near to them on the Great Ice Barrier. The platform on which these heroes stood seemed to fade away as Captain Amundsen spoke, and to give place to a vision of the polar sea, with its peril, its menace, and its rewards.

SOWER'S HARVEST

Sow an act, reap a habit;
Sow a habit, reap a character;

Sow a character, reap a destiny.
George Dana Boardman

JUST AN IDEA

As Franklin wrote: An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.

An apple a day

THERE is an old saying that "an apple a day keeps the doctor away," but it is also thought that an apple a day may keep the dentist away as well, and the Liverpool School of Dentistry is testing the theory. Selected children are being given pieces of apple to eat after meals, and later their teeth will be compared with those of children who have not tried the apple diet.

Apple-growers in various parts of the country have already contributed more than £600 to ensure that the experiment can be continued for at least a year. We imagine that no steps need be taken to ensure an adequate supply of children willing to take part in it.

Knotty problem



Phillip Ballard of Malden in Surrey set out to learn to tie some knots, but himself gets tied up in the process.

Think on These Things

WE rightly feel that nothing but the best is good enough for God's house, and that our churches must be kept in sound condition, water-tight and well-cared for. But more than this, we want them to be beautiful.

The great medieval craftsmen built their glorious cathedrals and churches in this spirit. You will often find high up in the roof, in some obscure place which no eye can easily see, some exquisite piece of craftsmanship.

The church in every place should witness to the fact that God must be given the first place in our life. We should each be proud of our church, and try to help to keep it beautiful and well cared for.
O. R. C.

Out and About

ACROSS the furrowed fields more and more flocks of birds are seen, some pecking the ground, others hedge-hopping, preferring berries to grubs, though pleased to find any grains left from the harvest.

The most obvious are the noisy starlings. Out of the trees and from the ground they will sometimes fly up and stream away like a ragged cloud.

Smaller but equally lively parties of finches make sudden forays from hedge to field and perhaps into a copse. *C. D. D.*

THEY SAY . . .

THERE is probably no better meal in the world than the Englishman's Sunday dinner, cooked by his wife in his own home.

*The Rev. R. F. King,
Vicar of Sidmouth*

ENGLAND cannot get the educational system it deserves on the cheap.

*Mr. H. Nursey, President of the
National Union of Teachers*

WHERE there is no literary background in the home, the child will associate books with school and forget them at 4 p.m.

*Chairman of the Birmingham
Libraries Committee*

I COME across a great many youngsters who come from school and have not the faintest idea of how to play cricket, and yet they have jolly good playing-fields.

*Col. G. A. Wadham, Secretary of the
Devon Playing Fields Association*

WORD QUIZ

Can you say whether a, b, or c gives the correct meaning of the following five words?

- 1 SURPLICE
a Loose white vestment
b What remains over
c Band of gold or jewels
- 2 PLACKET
a Pacify or conciliate
b Pocket in a woman's skirt
c Small wad of lint
- 3 SHAWM
a Thicket
b Pretend
c Old musical instrument
- 4 IMBUE
a Saturate or inspire
b Put on or clothe
c Stain with blood
- 5 PRALINE
a Salty
b Catlike
c Sweet made from nuts

Answer on page 12

Autumn scene

THERE is a beautiful spirit breathing now

Its mellow richness on the clustered trees,

And, from a beaker full of richest dyes,

Pouring new glory on the autumn woods;

And dipping in warm light the pillared clouds.

Morn on the mountain, like a summer bird,

Lifts up her purple wing, and in the vales

The gentle wind, a sweet and passionate wooer,

Kisses the blushing leaf, and stirs up life

Within the solemn woods of ash deep-crimsoned,

And silver beech, and maple yellow-leaved,

Where Autumn, like a faint old man, sits down

By the wayside a-weary.
Longfellow

Next Week's Birthdays

October 16

Eugene O'Neill (1888-1953). American playwright. He was a sailor, a businessman, and a vaudeville actor until he was about 26. Then he settled down to play-writing and became so successful that he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1936. One of his best known plays is *The Emperor Jones*.

October 17

John Wilkes (1727-1797). Whig member of Parliament and writer. When he was imprisoned for the fearless attacks on the Crown published in his journal *The North Briton* there was great popular agitation: the cry was "Wilkes and Liberty." His courage did much to bring freer speech to this country in the eighteenth century.

October 18

C. E. Mudie (1818-1890). Founder of a huge lending library business which became almost a national institution. He devoted much of the fortune he made to pious and charitable works in the slums of Westminster.

October 19

Leigh Hunt (1784-1859). Essayist, editor, and miscellaneous writer. A friend of Shelley, of Byron, Lamb, and many other writers of his day. He was often in and out of prison, either for debt or for what the authorities



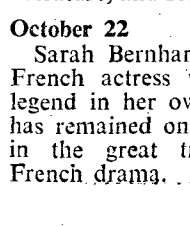
considered "dangerous writing." He remained unperturbed. On one occasion he went so far as to have the walls of his cell papered with a design of roses.

October 20

Sir Christopher Wren (1632-1723). Architect and astronomer. Professor of astronomy at Oxford, he did not apply himself to architecture until he was nearly 30. Appointed Commissioner for rebuilding the City of London after the Great Fire of 1666, he ennobled it by his magnificent churches and by his masterpiece, St. Paul's Cathedral.

October 21

Alfred Bernhard Nobel (1833-1896). Swedish chemist and inventor of dynamite. The great fortune he accumulated he left in trust for the now famous Nobel Prizes in physics, in chemistry, in medicine, literature, and for peace.



October 22

Sarah Bernhardt (1845-1923). French actress who became a legend in her own lifetime and has remained one. She excelled in the great tragic roles of French drama.

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CAPTAIN COOK'S COTTAGE

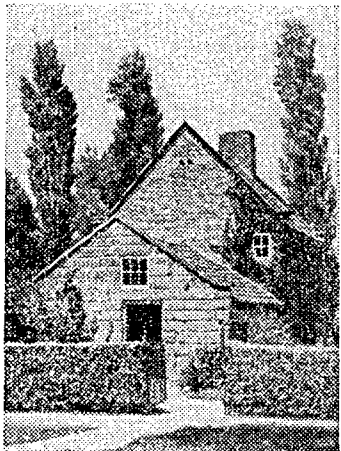
SEVERAL old cottages stand in the North Riding village of Great Ayton, a few miles south-east of Middlesbrough. But Captain Cook's cottage, this Yorkshire village's one building with a claim to fame, is missing from the scene, for it was taken to Australia in 1934 and set up in Fitzroy Gardens, Melbourne, as a memorial to the great navigator.

In its place stands an obelisk of granite hewn from the rocks near Point Hicks, the first bit of the Australian coast sighted by Captain Cook. It was unveiled on October 15, 1934—just 21 years ago—on the very day that the old cottage was formerly opened on its new site in Australia.

The cottage is believed to have been built by Captain Cook's father, a farm bailiff; his initials, and those of his wife Grace, are carved on a stone over the door. They moved there in 1755, in the very year that their distinguished son James first entered the Navy, and it was home to him until their death.

Through the passing years the humble but historic cottage attracted more and more visitors and many of them wanted to buy it. But all offers were refused until 1934, when Sir Russell Grimwade purchased it for presentation to the city of Melbourne, which was then celebrating its centenary.

Then came the task of transporting the cottage 12,000 miles



Captain Cook's cottage as it stands in Australia

300 tons, but as a tribute to Cook it was conveyed free on the Commonwealth and Dominion liner Dunedin which left Hull in February 1934.

Two months later the job of setting it all out was begun—bricks, stones, rafters were all assembled again; even the original mortar and nails were used.

Since its opening it has been one of Melbourne's great show places, visited every year by tens of thousands of people. Unfortunately, it has not always been treated with the respect it merits; vandals are in our midst everywhere, scribbling and doing thoughtless damage.

But plans are afoot to restore the cottage and to fill it with personal relics of Captain Cook and other historical items.

By next year, when Melbourne will be thronged with visitors for the Olympic Games, it is hoped that Captain Cook's cottage will once again be a place worthy of its great associations.



Captain Cook's cottage as it stood in Yorkshire

to the other side of the world. It was taken down and carefully placed in 300 enormous crates. The whole cargo weighed nearly

STAMP ALBUM



**BIGGEST SET
IN THE
WORLD**

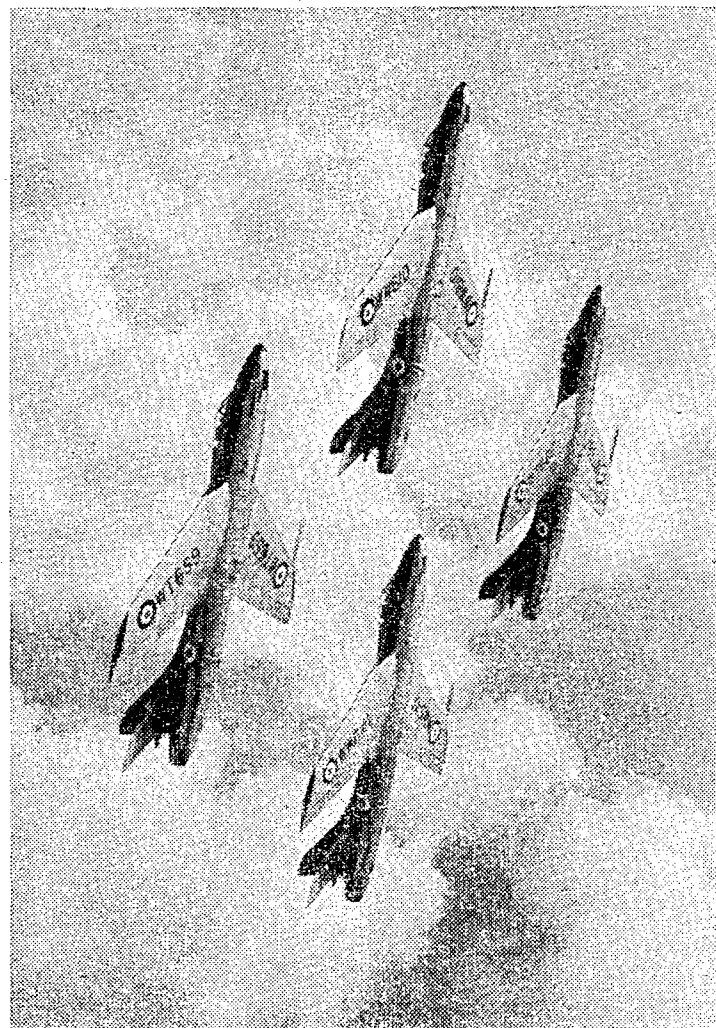
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THE EARLIEST STAMPS ARE HARD FOR US TO IDENTIFY BECAUSE THEY BEAR SIAMESE SCRIPT ONLY. BUT FROM 1887 TO 1940 THE GREAT MAJORITY WERE CLEARLY MARKED **SIAM**. SINCE THEN THE NAME **THAI** OR **THAILAND** HAS BEEN USED.

TOWARDS THE STARS



Four Hawker Hunters of No. 54 Squadron R.A.F. climb straight up in the sky over southern England

GREEN FINGERS

Leslie Milne is an Ayr school-boy with green fingers. At Prestwick flower show he took prizes for garden flowers and chrysanthemums, cacti, and begonias.

It all started after a holiday in the country. Now he has grown 300 lb. of tomatoes from seed this summer, and is busy tending late flowering plants in his two greenhouses. Between times he will look after the 1000 bulbs he planted in boxes and, in addition, keep an eye on 50 varieties of cacti, ferns, primulas, and a lot more.

His frames, greenhouses, and plot of ground are in the wood-yard behind his home, and he sells some of his produce to provide fertilisers, pots, and plants.

PENGUIN ON THE PLATFORM

A penguin was found strutting unconcernedly about the platform of Johannesburg's Park Station one morning recently. But Park Station is 500 miles from the sea.

He had a broken leg and seemed half-starved, so the R.S.P.C.A. took him in hand while they were trying to solve the mystery.

It is thought that the penguin might have roamed unobserved onto Durban Station, near the coast, boarded a train, and got carried to Johannesburg. But officials said that the chances of his having travelled unobserved all that distance were small.

So no one knew where he came from—or how.



**THE OLD MAN
OF THE
MOUNTAINS**

**THIS AMAZING
NATURAL
PROFILE
IS IN THE**

**WHITE MOUNTAINS OF NEW
HAMPSHIRE. LIVE FREE OR DIE
IS THIS AMERICAN STATE'S MOTTO.**

NEXT DOOR TO A VOLCANO

On the peninsula of Kamchatka, which thrusts southwards from Siberia into the North Pacific, there is a lonely scientific station, only 20 miles from the active volcano of Klyuchevskaya.

Ever since the station was set up on this volcanic peninsula over 20 years ago, its occupants have been learning more about the natural laws which govern the formation of minerals and rock far below the surface of the earth. In deep underground chambers the scientists make use of sensitive seismographs while, outside, powerful telescopes are continually trained on the volcano's summit.

When an eruption takes place, a team sets off on dog-drawn sledges to make observations at close hand. By means of special cameras they take pictures of all stages of the eruption. They also measure the speed of flow, height, and width of the lava, from a distance of only 700 feet.

This 16,000-foot volcano had its most violent eruption of recent years in 1945. The noise could be heard 200 miles away and the flashes seen at a distance of 250 miles.

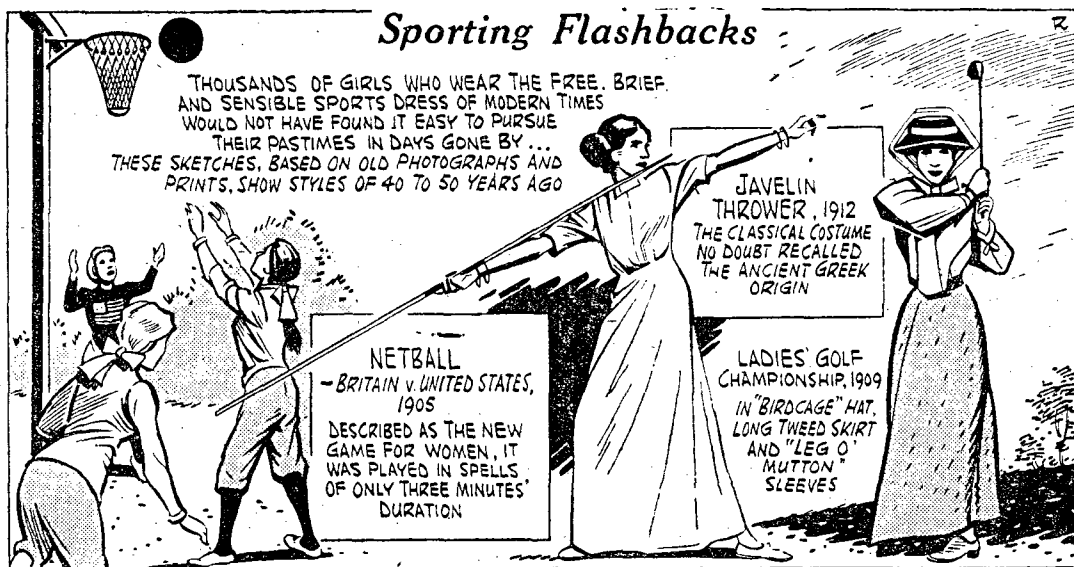
SPENDING THE PROFITS

The Australian Services Canteens Trust Fund, which has been built up with profits made in the Australian Army, Navy, and Air Force canteens, has allocated £175,000 for the education of the children of Australian ex-Servicemen in 1956.

This excellent scheme will enable many parents to meet the cost of higher education for their youngsters, and is particularly aimed at keeping children at school after reaching the normal leaving age, so that they may qualify for really good jobs.

Awards will range from £5 to £200 a year.

Sporting Flashbacks



FASHIONS THROUGH THE CENTURIES

The style of clothes we wear is something we all take for granted, and it would be a brave boy or girl who would go to school in the costume of 60 years ago. Why fashions change so completely no one quite knows, but the way they have altered continuously since earliest times is a fascinating subject and it is fascinatingly described and illustrated in Agnes Allen's new book. *The Story of Clothes* (Faber and Faber, 12s. 6d.).

From such primitive beginnings as a cloak of skins we are shown the astonishing variety of costume in many lands and ages down to the synthetic clothing fabrics of the present time.

The author has many strange things to tell us. For instance, in the 14th century there was a fashion in Europe for men to decorate their mantles with little bells. A gathering of smart folk must have been heard quite a distance away.

But freak fashions could cause embarrassing moments. In the

16th century men stuffed their trunk-hose, or breeches, to give the modish rounded look, with horsehair, rags, or even bran. There is a story of a man who sat on a nail which he did not feel through the stuffing of his trunks. But when he stood up as the king entered, the nail tore a large hole through which the bran poured in a stream round his feet.

Often authorities tried to discourage extravagant modes. Thus in 16th-century Spain, the

emperor Charles V amazed everyone by the shabbiness of his dress—it was even rumoured, with horror, that he had his clothes mended! Yet his noblemen continued to vie with one another in the brilliance and costliness of their attire.

In England in the next century the Puritans set an example of simplicity in costume, and George Fox, founder of the Quakers, wore a leather suit he had made himself. But their efforts came to nothing.

At the Restoration, gentlemen were adorned with yards of gay ribbon, and in 1661 John Evelyn, the diarist, wrote that he saw a man in Westminster Hall with as much ribbon about him "as would have plundered six shops and set up twenty country pedlars; all his body was drest like a May-pole."

All of us who are interested in the effect of fashion on men's and women's appearance through the years will want to read Agnes Allen's book.

YOUNG CANADIAN POET

Marie Jakober, of Alberta, is a proud girl. She sent one of her poems to the International Children's Drawing and Writing Competition in New Delhi, and although entries came from all over the world hers was awarded the Gold Medal.

This was the second time she had received a prize in an international competition. The Alberta State Legislature has decided to vote Marie a thousand dollars as a scholarship.

THE LEANING TOWER LEANS FARTHER

Experts have once again been expressing concern about the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa.

At the moment the slant from the perpendicular is 17 feet 2½ inches, and this is increasing every year. According to The Ministerial Commission of Vigilance for the Stability of the Bell Tower of Pisa, it increases at an average rate of .046 of an inch annually.

Some years ago considerable alarm was expressed when the traditional measurement on the first day of summer revealed that the inclination had increased by 2.75 inches. The deterioration was arrested by pouring thousands of tons of concrete into the base of the Tower.

Today the experts are still divided on the ultimate fate of the Leaning Tower. Some say that it will collapse before the end of the century unless the movement is halted, while others declare that it still has a long way to go before any anxiety need be felt.

The tower, begun in the 12th century, started to incline when the third storey was reached.

SNAPPING THE SEAL FROM THE AIR

Knowledge of the habits and wanderings of the Atlantic harp seals is of great importance to Canadians who rely for their livelihood on the sealing industry.

To aid the industry a Hudson aircraft recently undertook one of the most unusual of all air survey jobs—photographing the seals at home. Swooping over the breeding areas off Newfoundland at a height of 1000 feet, the aircraft took more than 300 photographs of seals basking on the rocks. From these the density of adult seals and pups per square mile was determined and then the total population estimated.

LIVINGSTONE'S AFRICAN TRAVELS—new picture-story of the great missionary (2)

David Livingstone's first years of travel in what was then unknown Africa convinced him that the slave trade was the curse of these regions. It would die out, he believed,

if legitimate trade were established, and he sought trade routes from the coast to the interior. After travelling to Luanda on the west coast, he set out to explore the

Zambesi River eastwards to the Indian Ocean. He discovered and named the Victoria Falls and was greatly impressed by their beauty.



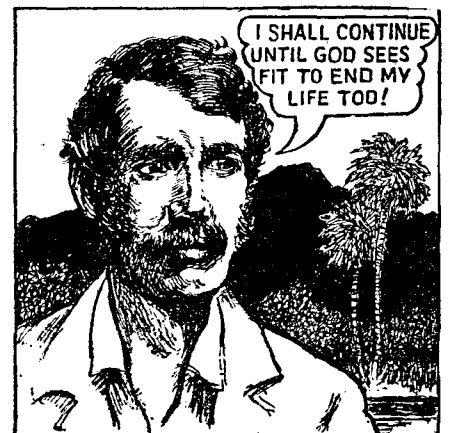
Some time after leaving the Victoria Falls, Livingstone's party came to a tributary of the Zambesi where the tribesmen were hostile. Calmly he overcame their suspicion of him by showing them how his sextant worked. He reached Quelimane, having crossed the continent in 20 months. From here he returned to England, and a hero's welcome. But he was back again at the Zambesi delta in 1858.



Livingstone was now in charge of an expedition sponsored by the Government. He brought with him a steamboat, which constantly broke down on the Zambesi. However, the explorers discovered Lake Nyasa, which Livingstone thought a fine place for European colonisation, because of its healthy climate and rich soil. But he was saddened to find that here, too, the slave trade was spreading war and misery.



Near the lake they met Arabs with chain-gangs of slaves, and Livingstone tried to make the Arabs see the iniquity of their trade. After a visit to his old native friends near Linyanti, Livingstone returned to the mouth of the Zambesi, where a new steamer, the Pioneer, arrived for him. A week later came a party of missionaries, whom he took up the river to establish a new mission station.



In January 1862 Mrs. Livingstone arrived, but three months later she died of fever—the worst blow of Livingstone's life. Then his expedition was recalled, and the new mission station he had established was withdrawn. But he was determined to continue his work. He now owned a little steamer, the Lady Nyassa, and in this he proposed sailing to Bombay, there to sell her to raise funds for new journeys.

Can Livingstone cross the Indian Ocean in his little steamboat? See next week's instalment

Grand new adventure serial

THE SCHOOL BEYOND THE SNOWS

by Geoffrey Trease

Mr. Birdwood, a headmaster, with his wife and three children (Brian 13, Jennifer 11, and Bill 8), has just arrived in the Himalayan State of Buristan to start a school on modern lines. They get a shock when they are told that Europeans are not allowed to occupy houses in Buristan.

3. Family afloat!

"I VERY much regret," said Mr. Bannerjee again.

The children goggled at him. Mrs. Birdwood looked anxious. Her husband said sharply:

"But this is absurd. I have a contract. His Royal Highness assured me that proper living accommodation would be provided!"

"Do not be angry, Mr. Birdwood. Everything will be most satisfactory——"

"How can it be satisfactory if there's no house for us?"

"I shall explain——"

"I should jolly well hope so!"

The car, followed by the truck with the baggage, was now nosing its way through the crowded streets, hooting loudly from time to time. On either side, tall rickety houses leant unsteadily against each other. To the dust of the road were added the hundred-and-one smells of an Eastern city. Dalipur was not quite such a fairy-tale place at close quarters. The children were glad when the car came to a sudden halt by the lakeside, where tall trees cast a refreshing shade and the air came pure and clean across the water.

Mr Bannerjee explains

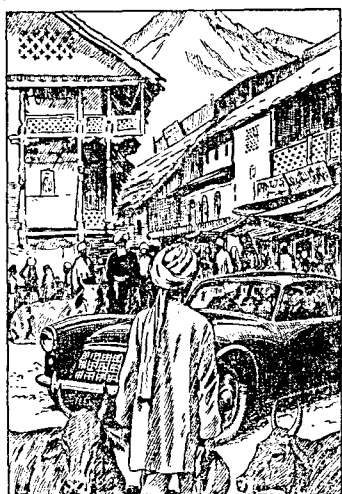
"It's an ancient law," said Mr. Bannerjee. "It dates from the time when Europeans began to come up to Buristan, and the government was afraid they might buy up all the best land to build themselves houses. So the law was made, and the prince does not wish to anger the people by changing it."

He hopped out of the car. The uniformed driver was already

holding open the other door for Mrs. Birdwood. The family got out and looked around them doubtfully. Were they expected to sleep in tents or what? It seemed a queer start to the adventure.

Mr. Bannerjee waved them towards the landing-stage. A flat-bottomed boat, like a punt except that it was longer and had pointed ends, with an awning amidships, lay moored below the steps, and two boatmen jumped up with respectful salaams.

"There is a way round every difficulty," said Mr. Bannerjee,



Dalipur was not such a fairy-tale place at close quarters

his white teeth flashing in a smile. "The law says that Europeans may not live in houses—but it does not mention houseboats!"

"Houseboats?" shrieked the children delightedly.

Their mother looked less pleased. Her usually gay blue eyes clouded dangerously. "If anybody thinks I'm going to pig it on a houseboat for three years——" she began.

"Please!" begged Mr. Bannerjee. "First I shall show you."

They climbed into the boat. Young Bill looked a shade less delighted, as a new thought struck him. "It'll be an awful

squash if it rains," he observed, as they sat down in the small area covered by the awning.

"This isn't the houseboat, you egg!" hooted Brian scornfully. "This is only the way to it!"

The boatmen took their places in the stern, seized their broad-bladed paddles, and sent the boat skimming out from the shore.

Quiet bay

"Oh, this is fun!" cried Jen. But, as a sensible girl, she could not help sharing some of her mother's concern. What sort of a houseboat was it going to be? What would housekeeping be like? No one had bargained for this.

For perhaps half a mile the boat continued along the lake-side. They got a new view of the tall houses, looking taller than ever as many of them rose on piles from the water's edge.

They passed the royal palace again, its rocky terraces overhanging the lake, and the school, with the workmen scurrying about like ants, painting and plastering. Then the boat swung round a tree-tufted headland and they found themselves in a quiet bay, patched green and white and pink with great masses of waterlilies. Half a dozen comfortable-looking houseboats were moored along the wooded shore—very like (as young Bill remarked) a fleet of Noah's Arks. Mrs. Birdwood became a little happier.

Private island

But their punt made for none of these, though all looked empty and neglected. Instead, the crew paddled straight forward across the bay, the waterlilies shuddering aside to let them pass. What looked like a small island lay close in the lee of the next headland. A splendid white-and-gold houseboat was moored beneath a feathery tree. A few yards behind it was a humbler, brownish vessel, with a trail of smoke rising from its stern. Savoury cooking smells mingled with the scent of flowers and the cool freshness of the lake.

"That is your servants' boat behind," said Mr. Bannerjee. "The kitchen is there, of course. You will have your own boat entirely to yourselves."

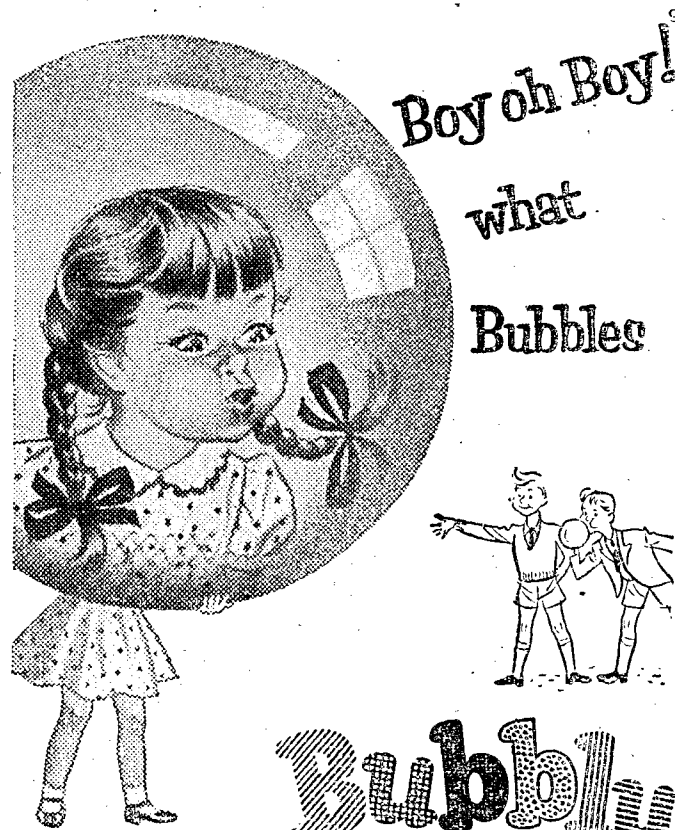
"I say!" muttered Brian.

"Super!" cried Bill.

"The island is quite private," went on their guide. "You will please treat it as your garden."

"Oh, isn't it wonderful. Mummy?" Jen exclaimed.

"H'm," said Mrs. Birdwood, taking in the smallness of the island. "Are we going to be marooned here? What do we do when we want to go into the town—or how do you get to school? Rub a magic lamp, or what?"



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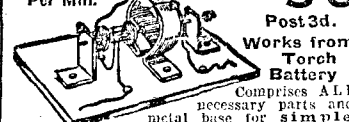
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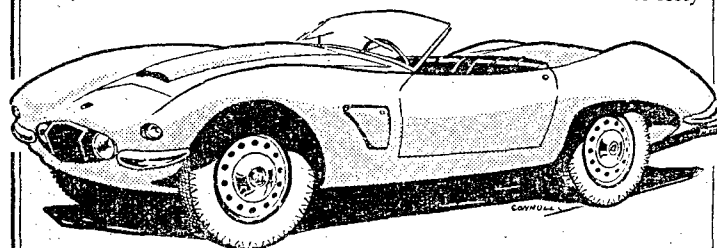
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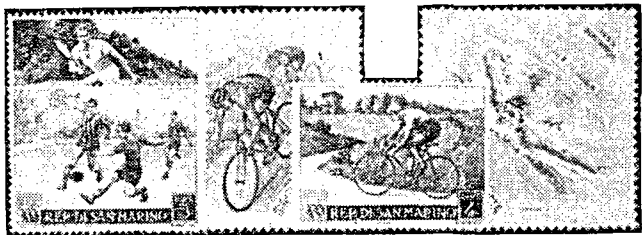
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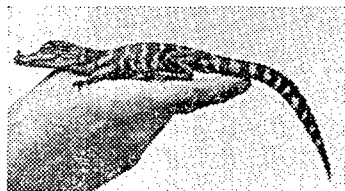
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ZOO NEWS

ALLIGATOR IN THE BATH

THE smallest Mississippi alligator seen at the Zoo for some years has just arrived there. It is a baby measuring only eight inches. This fascinating little creature is a gift from six-year-old Susan Jackson, of Battersea, London.

"Susan was given the alligator by an uncle," Headkeeper Dexter told me. "But it proved to be a rather awkward pet, for the



Susie posing for her picture

family live in a flat, and the only place young Susan could keep her pet was in the bath. Naturally, that wasn't very popular with Mrs. Jackson, and so, at her parents' request, Susan has passed her pet on to us with the special request that it be known as Susie.

"Susie is in fine condition and has a hearty appetite for earthworms—she is too small yet to take meat or fish. Because of her extreme youth, we shall keep Susie 'behind the scenes' and bring her up tame, so that visitors can handle her."

DANGER OF CHICKEN BONES

The danger of giving chicken bones to the smaller cats at the Zoo has been very forcibly demonstrated recently, when a well-meaning visitor handed one of these "titbits" to a serval (African bush-cat), one of a pair of these animals living in a large circular cage outside the Small Cats' House. The animal took the offering, but then got the bone firmly wedged between its teeth.

Seeing the serval in trouble, Keeper F. Green went into the cage to render first-aid—normally the servals are quite tame and do not object to a keeper's presence. But on this occasion the animal, driven half-crazy by the bone in its mouth, leapt past Keeper Green and dashed out of the cage door. It then ran across the grounds at full speed to the Main Walk; but, cornered by other keepers near the lion house, it raced up a tree.

TREE-TOP CAPTURE

Eventually, a hand-net was brought and Keeper A. Cornhill, of the bear section, volunteered to climb the tree. He did so and, having netted the serval near the top, dropped it to colleagues waiting below.

The serval was then taken to the sanatorium, where the bone, now lodged in its throat, was removed with forceps. It was returned to its enclosure little the worse for its adventure. "But," added the official who told me the story, "it does illustrate the danger of giving chicken bones to animals—not only Zoo ones, but cats of any kind."

Oddly enough, I have news this week of another Zoo fugitive, and one which has had a much longer "outing." This one is a bird, an African night-heron, which has unaccountably returned to the Gardens after six months' "absence without leave." The heron escaped from an aviary last March and for a few weeks remained flying freely about the grounds. As it seemed likely to stay around, officials made no attempt to catch the bird. But then it disappeared, and nothing more was heard of it.

A week or two ago, however, the heron suddenly reappeared. It has taken up its quarters in trees overlooking the Penguin Pool, and the bird can often be seen walking up and down the spiral concrete ramps in search of fishy titbits left behind by the penguins.

FERRET FUGITIVE

There has been an unusual sequel to the Zoo's efforts to trace the owner of a young female ferret picked up at the roadside near Enfield recently and brought to Regent's Park by a member of the Highway Police. It now transpires that the animal is one actually bred by the Zoo and formerly belonged to them.

"As there were no claimants, we had inquiries made, and found that we bred so many ferrets in the Children's Zoo last year—about 15 all told—that some of the babies were given away to people wanting them," an official told me.

"The Children's Zoo staff have now examined the animal found at Enfield and are reasonably certain that it is one of ours. We can only assume that the person to whom the animal was given did not want to keep it any longer and so turned it loose to fend for itself. Incidentally, it was lucky it was caught, or it might soon have been raiding local fowl runs."

Craven Hill

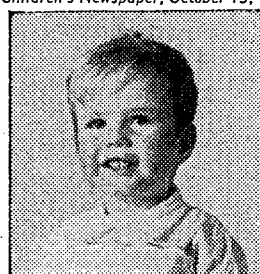
Stamp News

PRINTED designs for British stamps prepared by James Chalmers of Dundee in 1838, two years before stamps were introduced, were auctioned in London recently for £190. They were gummed and attached to a leaflet in support of Rowland Hill's campaign for uniform postage rates.

A STAMP showing a railway signal at "Line clear" has been prepared by Germany (Federal Republic) to mark a European conference for arranging international train time-tables.

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COMPETITION in the big squash rackets championships this winter will be keener than ever. Overseas challengers for the senior titles will be David Hodgson, the 1953 South African champion, who is working in Manchester, and Bryant Boys, the Australian Open and Amateur champion, who arrives in this country in a few weeks' time.

BRIAN SHENTON, English international sprinter, has been a valued member of the Lloyd's football team for several years, and has helped them to win the London Insurance Offices championship for the last two seasons. But in view of the forthcoming Olympics, he has decided to give up Soccer, at least for this season, to concentrate on his running.

LONDON meet Prague in a flood-lit athletics match at the White City this Wednesday. Among those due to compete is the great Emil Zatopek. This will be Zatopek's first visit to this country since the 1948 Olympics.

On the Thames



Any morning, winter or summer, Delphine Wilkinson can be seen out on the Thames in a racing punt at Chertsey. She has won the Women's Punting Championship for the last five years.

THE Cheltenham water-polo team have had a great season. After winning the county championship at Blackpool, they gained the English club title when they defeated the holders, the powerful Plaistow United team, by six goals to two.

K. S. DULEEPSINHJI will be remembered as one of the most stylish batsmen ever to play for Cambridge University, Sussex, and England. Now, at the age of 50, "Duleep" is to supervise a training camp for cricket instructors at Saurashtra organised by the All-India Council of Sports.

ONE of England's greatest Soccer full-backs during the early '30s was Tom Cooper of Derby County. Now a second Tom Cooper has started his career as a professional footballer with Nottingham Forest. He is the son of the former England star, and is also a full-back.

PETER DEGREGORY, 29-year-old American, recently achieved a "first ever" feat. He water-skied backwards from the Bahamas to Miami, a distance of 110 miles, in seven hours.

Young golf champion

MISS VERONICA ANSLEY, 20-year-old Warwickshire County golfer from Birmingham, was comparatively unknown when she was chosen as a member of the British junior team to tour Australia and New Zealand. But she has been the outstanding success of the tour. After winning the Victorian women's championship, she won the Australian women's title at Sydney.

THE SCHOOL BEYOND THE SNOWS

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Mr. Bannerjee laughed. "You will have this punt at your disposal, Mrs. Birdwood. But if you prefer to go by land, you will find a causeway on the other side of the island. You walk over that onto the mainland, and then you follow the road into the city."

Yells of delight

The children were slightly sorry to find that the island was not so completely cut off as it seemed. But a few moments later they were clambering aboard the houseboat and running all over it with yells of delight.

There were plenty of other things to think about that evening. There were the servants to meet—Ram Das, the cook, and Dannoo and Moti, the "bearers," who served the dinner which Ram Das had prepared, and several other men and boys whose names and jobs the children had to learn by degrees. Then there was the unpacking and arranging of their own treasures, and the exploring of their private islet with its winding paths and miniature jungle, and then bedtime, which was quite welcome after their long journey.

Next day Mr. Birdwood had business in the city, and Mrs. Birdwood had to get her new household organised. "The children can come with me in the boat, just for the trip," he said. "I may be hours, so I'll send them straight back, and I'll come

home by road when I've finished all I have to do."

It was on the return journey, when the children were alone except for the two boatmen paddling in the stern, that they had their first adventure. Jen suddenly let out a shriek of horror.

"Look at that little boy!"

Splash!

Even as she screamed, the tiny child fell from the overhanging balcony of one of the houses, hit the water, and sent up a great fan of spray.

Shrill cries rose from all the surrounding balconies. Fully a hundred people must have been watching the accident, but not one made any move to rescue the little boy.

Brian to the rescue

"Gosh, he'll be drowned!" gasped Brian. He turned and made frantic signs to their own boatmen. At first they took no notice, but at last they began to turn the long punt towards the scene. Meanwhile, the people on shore did nothing, though they were much nearer.

Jen was as white as dough. "We'll never get there in time," she wailed.

Brian suddenly stood up. "Take my wrist-watch," he grunted. An instant later he had dived overboard.

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